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Rise in serial car tyre thieving across city

University Layout	-	June 17 (2 cases)
Vijayanagar IV Stage	-	June 19
Alanahalli	-	June 23

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- The increasing trend of thefts involving alloy wheel discs and branded tyres is a growing concern in Mysuru city. With the majority of modern cars equipped with lightweight alloy wheel discs, designed to enhance the aesthetic appeal of vehicles, these valuable and eye-catching components have become the latest targets for thieves.

Instances of thefts have seen a significant surge particularly when the cars are parked in open spaces or outside houses. Unfortunately, due to the lack of space within residential compounds, many vehicle owners are compelled to park their cars outside, making them vulnerable targets for thieves.

Four cases of car wheel thefts have been reported in the city over the last one week. One case occurred on the night of June 23 at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (SVP) Nagar where all the tyres and wheels of a KIA car were stolen. The incident occurred at the house of Kuberaswamy, a resident of Tirumala Public School Road, House No. 1821.

Soon after the report of this theft was published in *Star of Mysore* on June 24 — **"Thieves steal all four wheels from parked car"** — several readers called up this office to report similar thefts in their areas. While two cases of wheel thefts have been reported at the Kuvempunagar Police Station, one case has been registered at Vijayanagar Police Station.

Retired Professor targeted

Kamala, a retired professor (name changed to maintain confidentiality) told *SOM* that she had parked her Swift Dzire VXi in front of her house in University Layout, Lingambudhipalya in Srirampura, "On the intervening night of Friday, June 16 and Saturday June 17, at approximately 2.15 am, all four mag-wheels of my car were stolen. The shocking realisation came when morning walkers alerted me and informed me of the unfortunate event," she said.

"The thieves utilised cement bricks from a nearby stone bench to carry out the theft. Sadly, another brand-new Maruti Baleno belonging to my neighbour Kavitha (name changed), a software engineer, was also targeted using the same *modus operandi*. We immediately contacted the Kuvempunagar Police for on-site inspection, and an FIR was lodged," she said.

Financial burden, mental stress

The retired professor has submitted insurance papers to the company. **"The replacement of all four wheels will cost Rs. 64,000, and I had to install new wheels to make the car operational. As a retired individual, the financial burden is significant and also, I am going through a lot of stress following the theft,"** she revealed.

(See on CAR TYRE page 6)

Plea to hand over old DC Office building to Heritage Department

Mysuru, June 26 (BCT)- The Old Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) has been shifted from Krishnaraja Boulevard to the New District Office Complex in Siddarthanagar.

So, what will the Government do with the old Office now? Will it be left as-is, firmly under lock and key or will it be handed over to any other Government Office?

Amidst a public debate on who should occupy the heritage building, opinions are being aired in favour of the University of Mysore or the Revenue Department. **But there is another demand for the heritage structure to be handed over to the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage currently located at the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Complex in Indiranagar (Doddakere Maidan), Mysuru.**

The fundamental functions of the Department include archaeological explorations, excavations, and conservation of ancient monuments, study of early coins, publication of academic and research books and development and maintenance of museums. It has been preserving invaluable ancient sculptures, stone edicts, coins, copper plates, etc. in its museum for posterity.

"Shifting the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage to the Old DC Office is the right choice as it has many advantages," opined Prof. N.S. Rangaraju of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)-Mysuru and Member of District Heritage Committee.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Prof. Rangaraju said that the Old DC Office is more than 128-year-old building and there is a desperate need for conserving the structure as it has not been maintained so far. Under the Department of Archaeology this 128-year-old building will remain safe and steady as a heritage building with proper care and maintenance.

(See DC OFFICE on page 6)

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Mysuru, Monday 26th June 2023

MDJA awards: Calling scribes

Mysuru, June 26- The Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has invited entries from scribes for conferring its annual award in four categories — Kannada article, English article, electronic media and photography.

The articles or photograph must have been published in newspapers in the period between June 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023. Visual media reports should also be telecast in the said period.

A journalist can send only one entry. For articles category, one original copy with three photocopies; For photographs category, three photographs of 8x12 size with a copy of newspaper in which the photograph was published. For electronic media category, the visuals should be sent in three CDs.

All MDJA members can apply for the award. The last date for submission of entries at the MDJA Office, 5th Cross, Thyagaraja Road, near Akkana Balaga, Agrahara, Mysuru - 570024, is July 3.

For details, contact Manager K. Nagesh on Mob: 97405-57277.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, June 26-**Yomna P. Zainulabdeen** has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Impact of Changing Land use Pattern on Wetlands: A Case Study of Thrissur District, Kerala' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H. Nagaraja.

C. Karunakara has been awarded Ph.D in History by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Mysore - British Relations From 1799 to 1947' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Aswathanarayana.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In the evening, after a hard day's labour, the elephant is taken to the nearest pond for an elaborate bath. The massive animal would splash down and relax before us, and we children now get an easy angle of sight to examine the pachyderm's soft mannerisms as mahouts rub its back and ears. The elegance of an elephant is in its silence and slowness. Unlike other wild beasts, it doesn't get provoked easily and screams only when the torture becomes too unbearable. "Eat like an elephant" does not mean quantity but a bite at a time, even when one is dead hungry.

Its disproportionate size is the elephant's fatal flaw. Nature cleared off all other ferocious behemoths roaming the planet before the arrival of humans and probably left the mild-mannered elephants on Earth as companions for us.

But we often accuse the wild elephants of trespassing on human settlements. We forget that even our expert panels with better intelligence and satellite imagery have struggled to determine the margins of ever-shrinking forest lands.

Yet, we expect these beasts to respect and restrict themselves to their boundaries. If not, we call them rouge and translocate them, or even worse, cage them to domesticate.

Woods, lovely, dark, and deep, are perhaps best represented by the grandeur and gravitas of elephants. Behold an elephant, and see the splendour and fullness of the forest moving right in front of your eyes.

— *Hari Arayammakul in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bizarre ice cream flavours that took over internet

New Delhi: From quick and easy recipes to experimental dishes — social media is a treasure trove for food lovers. However, of late, tons of bizarre food experiments are making their way to the internet, leaving netizens perplexed (and disgusted). Ice cream rolls, with weird and unusual flavours, have taken over the internet and, safe to say, people are not impressed.

Some of the strange(st!) ice cream roll flavours that went viral recently are Maggi ice cream roll, Gol gappa ice cream roll, Dhokla ice cream rolls, Momo ice cream rolls, Masala dosa ice cream rolls etc.

Maggi is one of the most loved foods, easy to make and delicious in taste. But, what if it is mixed with ice cream? Recently, an Instagram page called 'thegreatindianfoodie' shared a video of a street vendor making Maggi ice cream roll. If this wasn't enough, the Maggi roll was topped with chocolate sauce and colourful sprinkles.

Man accidentally throws cash in trash bin

Beijing: A man from Liaoning, China, walked out of his house with two plastic bags — one full of garbage and the other with cash and threw the bag full of cash worth 1,24,000 yuan (approximately Rs. 12 lakh) in the waste bin. When he reached the bank to deposit money, he realised what was left in his hand was the garbage bag.

When he rushed to the dump, he did not find the bag and lodged a complaint. The officers checked the CCTV footage and spotted someone discovering the bag and walking away with it.

As the Police started interrogating the people, a woman came forward and returned the cash bag to the Police. "I couldn't sleep after finding money," said the woman. Delighted with her honesty, Wang rewarded the woman 2,000 yuan (approximately Rs 20,000).

HEALTH CAPSULE

Simple way to avoid iron deficiency anemia is to eat food rich in iron like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, whole grains and red meat.

By Dr. Giripunja M - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

AGM of RK Nagar Retired Govt. Employees Assn. on June 29

Mysuru, June 26- The Annual General Body (AGM) meeting of Ramakrishnanagar (RK Nagar) Retired Government Employees Association will take place at Chikkammaniketana Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempunagar on June 29 at 10.30 am.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city recently, Association President B.R. Umakanth said that the meeting will discuss issues such as re-introduction of concession for senior citizens in Railways, free bus travel to senior citizens, 50 percent concession in air fare and separate counters in Banks for senior citizens, among others.

It has been planned to conduct a free health check up camp for senior citizens on the last Sunday of every month, he said adding that employees who retired after serving in aided Educational Institutions, Boards and Corporations etc., too can get membership of the Association.

He further said that the Association membership can be renewed via online too.

For details, call Mob: 95387-36262.

Association Treasurer K.M. Nagaraj, Secretary Chikkalingaswamy and Assistant Secretary R. Nagesh were present at the press meet.

RMS Counter Working Hours extended

Mysuru, June 26- The working hours of the counter in RMS (Railway Mail Service) Office located opposite Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions on Seshadri Iyer road in city, has been extended till 11 pm. The members of the public can send their Postal articles such as Speed Posts, Registered Posts, Parcels etc., and also buy Postal stamps during the extended hours (5.30 pm to 11 pm).

Also, the members of the public can invest in Long-term Postal savings such as SB, RD, SCSS, MIS, PPF, SSA and Mahila Samman schemes at all Post Offices in the city. For details, visit the nearest Post Office or the Mysuru Divisional Office or call Mob: 94482-91075.

REALLY...?

- ***Pandas have an extra bone just for eating.***
- ***Sloth bears use their lips like a vacuum.***
- ***White bears have cultural significance.***
- ***Polar Bears are marine mammals: Polar bears are a special case among bear species because they depend on the ocean for food and a place to live. As a result, they are the only bear species to be considered a marine mammal; they even fall under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.***
- ***Sun bears are (falsely) thought to have medicinal properties.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife asks her husband: *Did you like the dinner today?*
Husband: *Really, Shirley? Why are you always trying to pick a fight?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.01
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.47
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.33
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.39

VOICE OF THE READER

Safety of road users on
Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

Sir,

I write this letter to reflect upon the growing concerns on the safety of road users on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway.

Recent accidents have become very common on this stretch, resulting in loss of precious lives.

While these accidents continue to make headlines, there appears to be a lack of information about the measures taken by the authorities to improve safety and create an enjoyable commuting experience for all.

It is essential that we are aware of the actions being taken to address these issues. The following are some of the concerns:

• Who holds the responsibility for ensuring the safety of road users on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway? A clear understanding of the roles and accountabilities of the various stakeholders would be helpful to all.

• Are there any blind spots or flaws in the design or maintenance of the Highway? Identifying and rectifying these shortcomings is vital to prevent any future accidents on the Expressway.

• What are the dos and don'ts for vehicle owners? It is crucial to educate and promote safe driving practices among all road users to reduce the risk of accidents.

• Does the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have a regulatory mechanism in place to address concerns raised by frequent users of the Highway? There can be a platform to voice their feedback and suggestions, ensuring a collaborative approach towards improving safety.

• Considering the success of deploying AI cameras in tracking traffic violations in other regions, is it not possible to implement similar systems on the Highway? **This could help identify and penalise erring drivers, promoting better compliance with traffic rules.**

• In cases where accidents occur due to faulty road infrastructure, should the NHAI be obligated to provide compensation to the families who have lost their loved ones? Establishing accountability is crucial in maintaining public trust.

• Lastly, when can the citizens of Mysuru expect a responsible undertaking from the authorities to ensure safe and secure travel between Mysuru and Bengaluru?

As concerned individuals, it is our collective responsibility to seek answers to these questions and advocate for road safety improvements.

It is my hope that this column serves as a catalyst for discussion, action and a commitment from the authorities to prioritise the safety and well-being of all road users on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Express Highway.

—Manilal Palliyath
Mysuru
23.6.2023

NOTE: *It is said in Veda that 'You are the architect of your destiny.' The way one drives decides the driver's destiny. God is the architect of this universe. Can we blame Him for the natural disaster? NHAI is the architect of the Expressway. Can one blame it for the accidents when thousands drive safely? Let us introspect. Of course, fault-lines must be fixed by the NHAI.—**Ed***

Obituary

Jammada Gangamma

Mysuru, June 26 - Jammada

Gangamma (Palecanda), wife of late Jammada M. Poonacha and a resident of 12th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, passed away this morning in city. She was 89. She leaves behind her son J.P. Aiyanna (Ganesh), daughter-in-law Sandhya, grand-daughters Surina and Simran, son-in-law Shreyas and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this evening, according to family sources.

S. Rajanna

S. Rajanna (71), retired IFS Officer and a resident of J.P. Nagar, passed away yesterday in city. A native of Mamballi village in Yalandur taluk, he belongs to Guli Nanjaiah family and had served as the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF). Last rites were held at Mamballi this afternoon.

Mandya MLA visits MySugar factory

Sugarcane crushing to start on June 30

Mandya, June 26 (Mohanraj& DM)- Days after the Government released Rs.50 crore for revival and as working capital for MySugar factory in Mandya, the only State-run sugar factory in Karnataka, Mandya MLA Ganiga Ravikumar visited the factory on Saturday and held talks with the factory officials.

Addressing the officials, Ravikumar asked them to make all preparations for sugarcane crushing and added that he will make efforts to get more Government funds if the factory gets going soon.

Receiving inputs on the factory assets, Ravikumar said there are plans to construct commercial complex in one-acre land of the factory in BBMP limits at Benglauru and one-acre land of the factory in Mandya city, as a source of constant revenue, which can be used for the running of the factory. He said that he will speak to the concerned Minister in this regard.

Continuing, the MLA said that officials must ensure that the factory gets the right quantities of sugarcane for crushing.

Stressing that MySugar must not go short of the cane, he directed the officials to take all measures for protecting the factory assets.

Later, the MLA visited the new market building on Pete Beedhi and inspected the construction works going on.

Mandya CMC Commissioner Manjunath, CMC members Naheem, Manjula and others acompanied the MLA.

Meanwhile, MySugar Managing Director Appasaheb Patil said that the sugarcane crushing operation will start from June 30

Speaking to presspersons at the factory premises in Mandya, Patil said the factory is fully geared up for crushing and the workforce is ready for the job.

Maintaining that measures have been taken for crushing sugarcane within 24 hours of arrival in the factory, he said that the supplier farmers will be paid once in a fortnight. Appealing the farmers not to supply cane to private factories, he asserted that MySugar has not kept farmer dues pending, which the cane growers should take note of.

Stating that some of the machineries were sent to Pune and Kolhapur for repair and overhaul, he said that 500 tons of sugarcane will be crushed on the first day on June 30 and subsequently the crushing quantity will be increased to 2,000-2,500 tons a day. The factory has reached an agreement with farmers for crushing of 5.5 lakh tons of sugarcane in the current season, he added.

Kempegowda Jayanti in city tomorrow

Mysuru, June 26- The District Administration, in association with Kannada and Culture Department will be celebrating Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti at Kalamandira on Hunsur road in city at 11.30 am tomorrow (June 27).

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the programme in the presence of Adichunchanagiri Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harish-gowda will preside. Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MPs Pratap Simha, Sumalatha Ambarish and V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Mayor Shivakumar and other people's representatives will be present.

Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa will be the chief guest. Writer Bannur K. Raju will be the main speaker. Earlier, a grand procession will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple to Kalamandira at 9.30 am.

Jackfruit Mela draws to a close

Mysuru, June 26 (GA&DM)- The two-day Jackfruit Mela organised jointly by the city's Sahaja Samruddha in association with GIZ-Germany and Namma Farmers Market, at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba road drew to a close last evening.

The Mela was a huge success with over 20,000 people visiting it over the two days. The festival featured sale of a variety of jackfruit including 'Hoo Malli', Divya', 'Byrasandra', 'Amrutabhoomi', 'Ambali', 'Ekadashi', 'Mallika' etc. Also, a whole range of tasty and lip-smacking food products made out of the fruit were on display and sale and saplings of different species of the fruit were on sale at the venue.

While the jackfruit lifting competition was held on Saturday, in which Satish of Bengaluru bagged the first prize, a drawing competition for children (5 to 12 years) was held with the theme 'Naa Kandanthe Halasu' (Jackfruit I have seen), in which more than 30 children took part. This was followed by a jackfruit culinary contest, which saw 25 contestants and jackfruit eating contest (for men and women).

In the jackfruit eating contest, Mohan Kumar bagged the first prize, Girish - second prize and Narendrababu - third prize in men's category, while Nalina came first, Girija - second and Rajani and Sahana shared third prize, in women's category. Cash prizes were distributed to the winners of all the contests.

Overall, the two-day Mela offered a whole range of delicacies and recipes made exclusively of jackfruit which included Payasa, Idli, Dosa, Pongal, Poori Palya, Holige, Palav, Kabab etc.

NEWS BRIEFS

Modern Vachana Poets Meet

Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, has organised 'Modern Vachana Poets Meet' on July 2 in city. Interested young writers should send their two Vachanas of six to seven lines before June 30 to President of the Parishat M.G. Sadanandaiah, No. 140, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, 'M' Block, 2nd Stage, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru-23. Vachanas can also be sent on WhatsApp number: 95355-00538. Selected vachana writers will be given an opportunity to render their Vachana at the Poets Meet. A Certificate of Appreciation and book will be given to them in honour, according to Parishat Secretary T.S. Kumaraswamy.

Navodaya Entrance Exam

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at DMG Halli in Mysuru taluk has invited applications from interested fifth standard students (2023-24) studying in Mysuru district for the entrance exam to be conducted for admission to sixth standard (2024-25) in the Vidyalaya. The application forms can be downloaded from the websites ***www.navodaya.gov.in*** or ***https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/MYSURU/en/contact-us/JNV.*** The aspirant students must be born between May 1, 2012 and July 31, 2014. The last date for applying is Aug. 10. The entrance exam will take place on January 20, 2024. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970040, according to a press release from the Principal of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	77.76 feet
Yesterday	:	77.68 feet
Inflow	:	760 cusecs
Outflow	:	308 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,250.62 feet
Inflow	:	115 cusecs
Outflow	:	300 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,819.74 feet
Inflow	:	230 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Hit-and-run case kills two on Expressway

Lack of CCTV cameras posing a challenge to Police in identifying vehicles

Mysuru, June 26 (BLU&BCT)- Adding to the rising number of fatalities occurring on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, two more youths lost their lives in a hit-and-run accident near Maddur on the Expressway yesterday morning.

The victims, identified as Mani (25) from Kolar and Janardhan Pujari (26) from Lingadamandi village in Koppal district, were riding a motorbike when an unidentified vehicle knocked them down. Both were employed in Bengaluru and were en route to Mysuru when the unfortunate incident occurred.

A vehicle travelling from behind collided with their bike on a flyover near Maddur, resulting in their immediate death. Shockingly, the driver of the vehicle did not halt and fled the scene.

Tragically, this incident occurred within a week of another fatal accident near Maddur, where three persons lost their lives while travelling in a car at Gejjalagere.

According to Maddur Traffic Police, the latest victims were employees of a Multinational Company in Bengaluru and the accident occurred at around 5.45 am.

The impact of the accident was such that the bike was crushed. Despite efforts, the Traffic Police have not been unable to determine the identity of the other vehicle involved in the incident. However, they suspect that the motorcycle might have collided with the other vehicle from behind while attempting to overtake it.

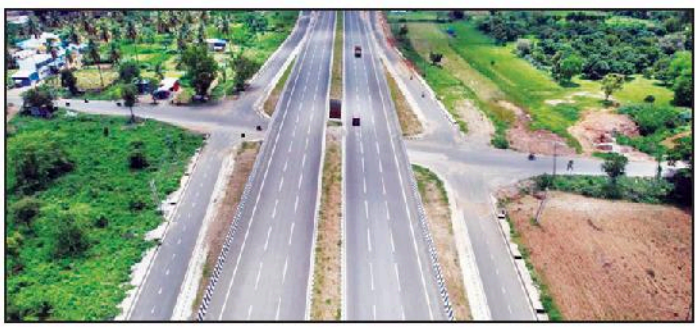
Police said that in the absence of CCTV cameras on the Expressway, it is tough to catch the culprits if such an accident occurs. As the accident occurred at around 5.45 am, it was dark and the killer vehicle could have escaped in the dark.

"We have taken cognizance of the incident and initiated a case but at times our hands are tied as there is no CCTV footage," a Police officer from Maddur told *Star of Mysore*.

The series of accidents on the Expressway has raised significant concerns as they are often attributed to drivers disregarding road safety regulations. Overspeeding is a common issue, with many vehicles, especially trucks, neglecting lane discipline. These recurring incidents highlight the urgent need for stricter adherence to road safety rules to prevent further loss of life.

Commuters complain about absence of facilities

Despite the significant reduction in travel time between Mysuru and Bengaluru to just 75-90 minutes (down from 3.5-4 hours) thanks to the access-controlled Expressway, travellers have expressed their dissatisfaction regarding the absence of rest areas and petrol stations along the route.



Commuters have highlighted the lack of essential amenities such as medical centres, Police kiosks, toilets and restrooms. Moreover, the absence of facilities to assist in case of vehicle breakdowns or accidents has raised concerns about the availability of timely help.

Acknowledging the impact on local businesses and livelihoods in areas like Maddur, Bidadi (known for its food joints), and Channapatna (renowned for its traditional toy industry), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials have revealed plans to address these issues.

They are considering the establishment of a dedicated rest area at Channapatna, where eateries and artisans can set up shops. Additionally, there are discussions underway to create a 300-acre park that would encompass eateries, fuel stations and a shopping complex, catering to the needs of travellers along the Expressway.

Hunsur saw mill double murder case

Two including minor arrested; accused drug addicts, say Police

Hunsur, June 26 (KK&BCT)- The Hunsur Town Police have arrested two more persons in the double murder case that occurred in a saw mill in Hunsur town on the night of June 21. With the latest arrest, the number of people arrested in the case has risen to three.

Thousib

The accused have been identified as 30-year-old Thousib, a resident of Muslim Block in Bazaar Road and another accused is 16 years old. His identity is protected as he is a minor. The Police had earlier arrested Abhishek, a 23-year-old youth and a resident of Saraswathipuram in Hunsur town. He has a record of crimes including robbery, extortion and threatening.

The victims were two watchmen who were employed at the saw mill. They are Venkatesh (75) from Kalkunike Ranganatha Layout and Shanmukha Rao (65). The incident occurred at Hunsur town near the Parasayyana Chhatra (shed) on Boti Bazaar Road adjacent to S.S. Saw Mill. The accused used a heavy object to deliver fatal blows to their heads and Shanmukha was reported to be mentally challenged.

Investigating the murder, the Police got hold of CCTV footage from nearby shops and roads and spotted three persons walking on the saw mill road during June 21 midnight. They were seen entering the compound of the saw mill and even the cameras inside the saw mill had captured the trio.

Police said that Thousib and the minor were addicted to marijuana and drugs and they needed money to fund their vices. Even Abhishek needed money and this desperation drove them to hunt for their targets.

Venkatesh and Shanmukha Rao were easy targets as they slept inside the saw mill. Moreover, both the victims were senior citizens while Shanmukha was mentally challenged and the accused planned the robbery as there will be little resistance from them.

After murdering the duo, the accused searched their pockets and also looked inside the section where the victims slept inside the saw mill. The accused managed to get only Rs. 485 and they later left the place quietly.

Abhishek is already in judicial custody while Thousib was remanded to judicial custody yesterday. The minor has been sent to remand home.

'Attaara Kacheri' to DC Office: From the pages of history

Building remains strong, steadfast and unaffected by the passage of time and changing circumstances

Mysuru, June 26 (BLU&BCT)- The Old Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), formerly known as 'Attaara Kacheri', was constructed during the reign of the Mysore Maharajas. It served as the administrative centre for the district under their rule.

After India gained independence, the office was renamed the DC Office. It is currently 128 years old and stands as a solitary building. Now the DC's Office has been shifted to the new District Office Complex building in Siddharthanagar leaving this old 'Attaara Kacheri' building vacant.

The Old DC Office was built in 1895 in the Indo-Saracenic style and its construction cost amounted to Rs. 1,75,506 and it covers an area of 29,588 sq.ft. The building consists of two wings and 27 spacious rooms. The central part features a towering dome with ornate decorations, making it a prominent landmark in Mysuru.

During its active years, the Legislative Assembly of the then Mysore State operated from this building until 1923. Various officials and District Commissioners conducted their duties within its premises. The office also housed the Dewan (Prime Minister) during the Maharajas' era.

Adjacent to the building, there is a beautiful garden adorned with lush greenery. In the garden, there is a magnificent statue of Sir James Davidson Gordon, who served as the guardian to Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar.

Sir James Davidson Gordon served as the Chief Commissioner of Mysuru from 1878-81. He was a highly influential official in the British Government and played a significant role in regaining the Mysore Kingdom, which was relinquished during the reign of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar. The statue was commissioned by the kings and erected in the flower garden as a tribute to his memory.

Despite its historical significance, the DC Office now stands abandoned as the Offices of the District Administration have been relocated to the new building. It once witnessed daily, hourly and moment-by-moment bustling activities of officials, staff, public and visits from Chief Ministers and Ministers.

However, the Government's decision to move to a new facility has left the Old DC Office vacant. Nonetheless, the building remains strong and steadfast.

Record Section, Treasury yet to be moved to new Office

Mysuru, June 26 (BLU&BS)- The new District Office Complex on the Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road in Siddarthanagar has started functioning with minor shifting and other works are still pending. Two weeks after the move on June 8, the magnificent building houses most of the Offices that have been shifted to the new complex.

Various Departments, including the chambers of the Deputy Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner, the Election Branch, Muzrai Department, Backward Classes and Minorities (BCM) Department, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Department of Survey, Finance and Statistics Department, and Municipal Administration Department, among others, are now functioning from the new premises.

However, a few Departments are yet to be relocated such as the Assistant Commissioner's (AC) Office, DC and AC Record Sections, Tribal Research Department, and the District Treasury. The remaining transition is expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

Despite the new Deputy Commissioner's Office being located four kilometres away from K.R. Circle, people have no choice but to travel the distance. The old DC Office in the heart of the city was more convenient.

The new building has been constructed in the Indo-Saracenic style, inspired by the heritage Lalitha Mahal Palace. It was inaugurated by Siddharamaiah during his previous tenure as Chief Minister in March 2018.

The foundation for the building, covering an area of 22,920 sq.ft and constructed at a cost of Rs. 84.66 crore, was laid in October 2016. The ground floor of the building contains 22 rooms, while the first and second floors have 24 rooms each.

Despite different governments coming to power in subsequent years, including Chief Ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy, B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, no efforts were made to relocate the district offices from the old building to the new one. Also, requests from various organisations and associations were overlooked.

It was only after Siddharamaiah returned as Chief Minister for the second time that the new District Office Complex became operational immediately, with most of the offices being shifted in a short period.

In contrast to the bustling old DC Office, where people would visit throughout the day to get their work done, the new Complex currently lacks the same level of activity. Apart from officers and their staff, the general public is rarely seen in significant numbers, mainly because most services are now available online.

Youths injured as car topples on Madikeri-Mysuru Highway

Madikeri, June 26- A total of eight youths were injured when the Toyota Innova Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV) in which they were travelling toppled and fell in front of a house on Madikeri-Mysuru National Highway-275 near Sincona in Kodagu. The eight youths, natives of Mangaluru, were proceeding towards Kushalnagar via Madikeri, when the person behind the wheels of the MPV lost control of the vehicle at the turning near Sincona, which toppled and fell in front of a house.

It is learnt that drizzle and dense fog resulted in the mishap.

All the youths sustained minor injuries and the vehicle has been damaged in the mishap.

Hand over old DC Office building

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"I feel that the building must be handed over to the Department of Heritage, Archaeology and Museums as its present location does not have a place for the Department to set up a museum. Heritage Department is a new Department started in 2004 in Karnataka and since then, it is growing well," he said.

Conservation first

The Heritage Department must first take up comprehensive measures to conserve the Old DC Office and after this process, the Department and the Museum can be shifted there. As of now, the Department does not have its own place and does not have existence or individuality, Prof. Rangaraju noted.

"The present location at Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) grounds is not suitable for the Department as during Dasara season, the gates are closed and no one is allowed entry and permission has to be sought to enter the Department. Also, surprisingly, one must buy a ticket to enter the Office! There are many such complications," he revealed.

The Heritage Department can be shifted to the Old DC Office as it is an independent, impressive and standalone heritage building best suited for that. **Almost all the museums in Karnataka are located inside heritage buildings and there is a set tradition as the maintenance of such buildings is the responsibility of that Department and they have the knowledge and wherewithal for the same, he said.**

There is no point in handing over the Old DC Office to any other Department as we have seen in the past how these buildings are maintained. "I am against the spacious structure being handed over to the University of Mysore. Though I served in the University, I am against the move as we do not want another Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion that is slowly deteriorating. There are over 25 heritage buildings inside the University and none of them have been maintained well. Even the Revenue Department will be a bad choice," Prof. Rangaraju said.

Close to many educational institutions, ORI

Moreover, if the Heritage Department moves to the Old DC Office, it is close to Colleges, most of which have heritage structures and there will be a heritage pattern — Maharani's College, Maharaja's College, Yuvaraja's College, Junior Maharaja's College and the Heritage Department.

The Oriental Research Institute (ORI), formerly known as the Oriental Library, which collects, exhibits, edits and publishes rare manuscripts written in various scripts like Devanagari (Sanskrit), Brahmic (Kannada), (Nandinagari) (Sanskrit), Grantha, Malayalam, Tigalari, etc., is also just a stone's throw away from the Old DC Office.

"At the present location of the Heritage Department, there is absolutely no space in the auditorium for even students to stand (if they are more than 100 in number) when we take them to seminars and workshops conducted by the Department," he added.

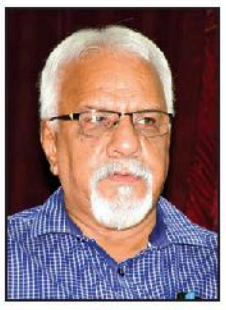
"If the museum is shifted here, students will have more and more learning opportunities. Moreover, in the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020), there is an emphasis on heritage through a dedicated subject called Museology and it is a mandatory paper, Prof. Rangaraju revealed.

"We are achieving many objectives here — conservation of heritage structure and its maintenance and the presence of the museum in the same building. It will be a student-centric or future generation-centric move," he added. Students can come here even during leisure hours to learn.

Heritage Clubs at Colleges

Maharajas College, Yuvaraja's College and Maharani's College all have Heritage Clubs and it is mandatory to conduct heritage activities and the money for such activities is sanctioned by the Heritage and Archaeology Department.

"The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage can be a part of the activities of these Clubs. A practical conservation Lab or an antiquity preservation Laboratory can be set up there," the heritage expert said.



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—Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Member of INTACH, Mysuru and District Heritage Committee

Proposal with Government; two letters written already, says Heritage Commissioner

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- The proposal to shift the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage from the existing premises at Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Complex in Doddakere Maidan, to the Old DC Office on K.R. Boulevard is before the State Government and the Government will take a decision.

A. Devaraju

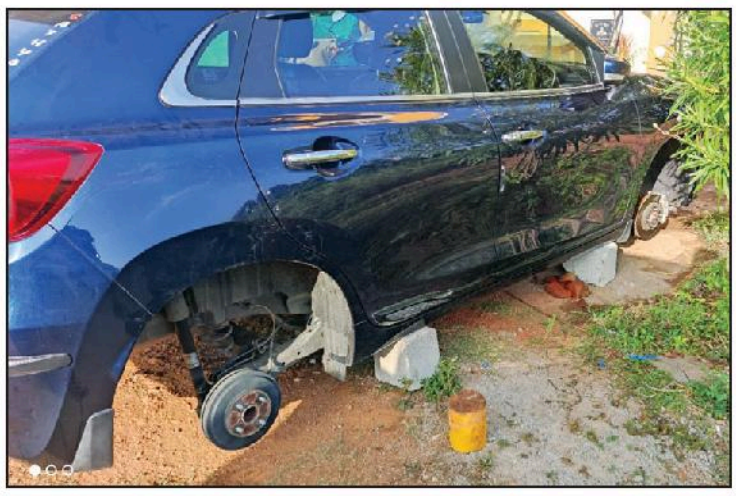
Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Commissioner of Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage A. Devaraju said that the proposal has been sent to the Government and two letters have been written in this regard.

"When T. Venkatesh was the Heritage Commissioner, he wrote to the Revenue Department Chief Secretary through the Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism Department, seeking permission to shift the Heritage Department to Old DC Office once it moves to the new location at Siddarthanagar. Recently, I too have written a similar letter to the Government stressing on the need for the Department to have a bigger and spacious campus of its own in a place like Mysuru where there are hundreds of heritage buildings and where heritage relics are abundantly available," Devaraju said.

If the Government hands over the Old DC Office to the Heritage Department, efforts will be made to set up a state-of-the-art heritage museum and maintain the building well.

"Moreover, a museum in the heart of the city will also be a piece of attraction for the tourists where the history, art, culture, archaeology, inscriptions, sculptures, coins and literature can be kept on display," the Heritage Commissioner Devaraju added.

Rise in serial car tyre thieving



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"Due to the type of insurance, I had purchased online, I may not receive full coverage. Unfortunately, the process of receiving the insurance payout or even finding replacement tyres is quite lengthy and uncertain," she said. Another victim Kavitha has spent more than a lakh to get her car moving and moreover the couple is newly married and this is a lot of a financial burden, she added.

According to the victims, the University Layout is located right on the R.T. Nagar Ring Road, which may have made it easier for the thieves to carry out their robbery. From the CCTV footage obtained from a neighbour, it is evident that the thieves used a Maruti Swift car to transport all eight tyres in two separate trips.

Wheel theft in Vijayanagar

In his complaint to the Vijayanagar Police, Sinoj Kumar, a resident of Vijayanagar Fourth Stage has stated that two alloy (rear) wheels of his Mahindra XUV-300 (KA-09-MG-9610) were stolen on the night of June 19. He had parked the SUV in an open space in front of his house.

Sinoj Kumar observed the theft on July 20 at 5 am, when he wanted to take out his car to go to Bengaluru as he is a working professional in the State Capital. Vijayanagar Police have registered a case.

Victims said that this worrisome trend highlights the urgent need for enhanced **Police night beat and security** measures to safeguard vehicles and their valuable components. According to the Kuvempunagar Police, one organised gang is suspected to carry out such wheel thefts. "We have got definite clues and we are in hot pursuit of the thieves. They will be nabbed soon. We will increase patrolling in PCR vehicles and also on 112 emergency response vehicles," said the Police.

CM inaugurates three-day training for first-time MLAs

Bengaluru, June 26 (RK&DM)- Amid the criticism over inviting spiritual personalities to address the Legislators, the three-day training programme for 70 first-time MLAs began at Kshemavana (Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Naturopathy and Yogic Centre) on Kunigal Bypass road near Nelamangala in Bengaluru Rural District this morning.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah inaugurated the training programme this noon in the presence of Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader and Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti.

The 70 first-time MLAs will be trained in Parliamentary practices such as the details of the Legislature Session, Question Hour, Zero Hour and Call Attention Notice by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil.

Agriculture Minister Krishna Byregowda will speak about Parliamentary skills development under Rule 69, passing of Confidence and No-Confidence Motion etc. Besides, there will be programmes to inculcate physical exercises for good health.

Former Chairman of the Legislative Council B.L.Shankar will speak on Governor's speech, budget speech and processes. Former Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri will talk on Legislation-making and relationship between the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, while former Minister T.B. Jayachandra will speak on responsibilities of Legislators, Rights and Privileges. Also a few other senior leaders will be delivering speeches on other topics concerning both the Houses.

Rajya Sabha MP and Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade will speak on harmonious society and the role of legislators in developing Karnataka and making a stronger India. Mohammad Kunhi will deliver a talk on ways to improve harmony between people's representatives and the people.

Krishnaraja BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa is among the first time MLAs attending the training programme, which concludes on June 28.

Earlier in the day, the participating first-time MLAs did Yoga exercises, which is also part of the training programme.

CESC public grievances meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, June 26- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be conducting third quarterly public grievances meeting at T. Narasipur Taluk Sub-Division Offices tomorrow (June 27).

At CESC Office in Bannur from 2 pm to 3 pm: Consumers of Bannur Sub-Division covering Bannur, Attalli, Ketupura, Rangasamudra, Beedanahalli, Hanumanalu, Koodagalli, B.C. Halli, Heggur, Maliyuru, Turaganur, Ankanahalli, Chidravalli, Chamanahalli and Makanahalli Gram Panchayats.

At CESC Office in T. Narasipur from 4 pm to 5 pm: Consumers of T. Narasipur Sub-Division covering Bhyrapura, Kieragasuru, Gargeshwari, Hosakote, Tumbla, Mugur, Vatalu, Kothegala, Alagudu, Kurahatti, Madapura, Hemmige, T. Doddapura, Kaliyuru, Talakadu, B.C. Halli, Holesalu, Benakanahalli, Doddebagilu, Kolatur, Muttalavadi, Somanathapura, Sosale and Ukkalagere Gram Panchayats.

Power consumers may attend the meet at their respective CESC Offices and air their grievances related to CESC and get solutions, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

Vontikoppal Club elections held

Lion K. Devegowda and B. Subramanya team wins

Mysuru, June 26 (SBD& DM)- The team headed by Lion K. Devegowda and B. Subramanya won the election to the prestigious Vontikoppal Club Executive Committee which was held yesterday.

The team won all the 17 posts in the new Committee, defeating the opposite camp and thus creating a record of sorts.

K. Devegowda, who contested for the President's post, won by a handsome margin against his rival Pradeep Kumar. While Gowda bagged 226 votes, Pradeep Kumar could manage 136 votes. B. Subramanya (241 votes) won the Secretary's post for the second time, defeating his rival Sampath Kumar (119 votes).

As far as other posts are concerned, P.V. Sopanadeva (209 votes) was elected as the Vice-President, B. Chinmayananda Babu (205 votes) as the Joint Secretary and K.B. Lingaraju (221 votes) as Treasurer, while B.L. Adishesh (230 votes), Uday S. Kumar (198 votes), K. Chandru (229 votes), R. Jayaprakash (197 votes), T. Dileep Kumar (227 votes), H.C. Prakash Babu (216 votes), S. Yogesh Kumar (222 votes), K.G. Ramanathan (214 votes), A.V. Rangesh (211 votes), S. Satish (223 votes), K. Sunil Kumar (206 votes) and M. Somashekar (188 votes) were elected as Members of the Executive Committee.

Aslam Pasha was the Returning Officer.

ACP warns rowdy-sheeters at parade

Mysuru, June 26 (SBD&KS)- Devaraja Sub-Division Police held a rowdy parade yesterday morning and warned rowdy-sheeters not to indulge in anti-social activities.

Devaraja Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Shanthamallappa under whose jurisdiction Alanahalli, Nazarbad, Lashkar, Udayagiri and Devaraja Police Stations falls, summoned131 rowdy-sheeters to Alanahalli Police Station and conducted the parade.

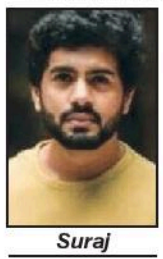
He conducted one-on-one enquiry and confirmed that the rowdy-sheeters were attending Court proceedings.

Warning the rowdy-sheeters of initiating legal action if they indulge in anti-social and illegal activities and if necessary they would be booked under Goonda Act, the ACP asked the rowdy-sheeters to refrain from illegal activities, mend their ways and lead a good life with their family members.

ACP Shanthamallappa told media persons that rowdy-sheeters coming under Devaraja Sub-Division were given instruction and summoned to Alanahalli Police Station, where they were advised to lead a decent life and shun illegal activities failing which stern action would by initiated against them.

Inspectors P.P. Santosh, Jeevan, P.K. Raju and T.B. Shivakumar, Sub-Inspectors and staff were present during the parade.

Parvathamma Rajkumar's kin loses leg in road accident



Suraj

Chamarajanagar, June 26- Kannada film producer late Parvathamma Rajkumar's nephew and actor 24-year-old Suraj has lost his leg in a road accident on Mysuru-Gundlupet Highway near Begur in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district on Saturday evening.

Suraj is the son of late Parvathamma Rajkumar's younger brother S.A. Srinivas and a resident of Saraswathipuram in Mysuru.

Suraj was said to be proceeding to Ooty, when the accident took place between his bike and a tipper vehicle. The tipper vehicle ran over Suraj's right leg crushing it completely. He was rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru where the doctors performed below-knee amputation surgery on the right leg as a life-saving procedure.

A budding actor, Suraj had changed his name as Dhruwan to enter sandalwood and had taken part in film shootings. He had also announced the release of 2-3 films including 'Bhagawan Srikrishna Paramathma.'

Suraj is undergoing treatment in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the private hospital where he will remain for three to four days.

Actor Shivarajkumar, his wife Geetha Shivarajkumar, producer Chinnegowda and relatives visited the hospital and inquired about the health of Suraj.

Convocation Ceremony held at MYRA

Nurture bond built over years on campus: Trishika Kumari Wadiyar

Mysuru, June 26 (BS)- Royal family member Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar congratulated the students of MYRA School of Business (MSB) Mysuru for their achievements and emphasised on the value of service to contribute towards the growth and betterment of the society in many ways, small and big.

Trishika, who was the chief guest, spoke during the convocation ceremony of Post-Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM)-2023 held recently at MYRA School.

Trishika also advised the graduates to nourish the relationships built over their two years on campus for their life, as it helps in the rainy days of their life's journey.

Delivering the keynote address, Director, Aquasail Private Ltd. Zia Hajeebhoy, spoke about the values of life — generosity, dignity, relationship building, giving and taking gracefully and navigating through the life grounded.

She gave examples of how she learned and imbibed the values taught by her grandmother and also through her corporate career.

In his address, Chairman of Board of Governors and Dean Dr. Ramasastry Ambarish, mentioned about the goal of building a "Top tier Business School in Mysuru" and MSB's mission of "developing future-ready and globally competent business leaders rooted in Indian ethos".

MSB's PGDM is now "Digital Mastery" programme which includes a complete portfolio of courses tailored to impart skills needed to thrive in the digital economy for students.

Managing Trustee of MYRA Kantharaj Urs advised the students to stay connected to their alma mater as they are the torch-bearers of the institution's legacy. Urs advised to always remember that challenges are merely opportunities in disguise, to embrace them with open arms, for it is through adversity that they will truly discover their strengths.

MYRAcles Mohamed Haroon Khatib, J.A. Praveen and Abhinav Reddy Uppalapati, who made it to 'Honor Board-Academic Excellence,' shared their experience.

The students of PGDM-2023 batch along with their family members attended the ceremony.

Karnataka State Tribals meet President during Delhi visit

Mysuru, June 26- About 21 members of Karnataka State Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG-Koraga and Jenukuruba Tribes) including women were on a three-day Delhi Darshan (tour) programme sponsored by Karnataka State Tribals Research Institute (KSTRI), Mysuru. During their stay in the national capital they met President of India Droupadi Murmu. The delegation of representatives led by KSTRI Director Dr. L.Srinivasa and Deputy Director B.S.Prabha, left for Delhi on June 10, successfully participated in the Delhi Darshan Programme and returned to Mysuru, on June 14, says a press release the Tribal Institute.

Saree walk...

Over 300 women took part in the 3K Walk/Run, organised as part of 'Celebrate Mysuru!' Half Marathon and 10 K Run, which was flagged off from the Balarama Gate of Mysore Palace recently. Also, events such as Half Marathon, 10 K Run, 6 K Run/Walk were held on the occasion in which a large number of participants took part.

National-level Coding Competition, Code Igniter-2023 on June 28

Mysuru, June 26- The Department of Information Science & Engineering of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, KRS Road, Mysuru in association with Computer Society of India-Mysore Chapter is jointly organising 7th National Level Coding Competition, "CODE IGNITER-2023" on June 28 from 10 am in the College premises. The competition aims to highlight the opportunities and challenges in the Computer Science & Information Science sectors and to provide a forum to exhibit the technical challenges implemented in Information Technology and related areas.

This Coding Competition creates a platform for students of various streams of IT to showcase their talent, present their original work, share and exchange ideas with their counter parts from all over India with professional's and academicians. "CODE IGNITER-2023", has three events namely Code Debugging, Pick & Code and Code Hunt.

Registration link: https://forms.gle/2rBf7HhVjt3QjU8m9

Students from UG, PG of any Engineering discipline and MCA graduates can participate.

Participation certificates will be given to all and cash prizes will be awarded to winners.

For details contact K. Padmaja, Assistant Professor, Department of ISE, Mob: 99862-92529.

Inter-School competitions at Acharya Vidya Kula

Mysuru, June 26-Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK), Aloka Road, Mysuru-Hunsur Highway, will be hosting the fifth V. Siddharthacharry Memorial English Declamation Fest (open to students of classes VIII - X) on July 15.

Two students from each class can participate.

On the same day, the first Creative Science Competition will also be hosted for students of classes VII -X.

Interested Schools may send an email to: *vidyakula12@yahoo.com* to obtain the registration form and details. Last date for registration is July 8.

Theatre and folk dance training from June 27 to July 10

Mysuru, June 26- Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru, has organised a 14-day free training in theatre and folk dance (Kamsale, Dollu Kunita, Puja Kunita, Maari Kunita and Kolata) for college students from June 27 to July 10 between 4.30 pm and 6 pm at Kalamandira.

Also, theatre and folk experts will educate the participants on theatre, folk art, culture and literature. The aim of the camp is to promote folk culture which is on the verge of extinction.

Interested may call Mob: 70194-41509, according to a press release.

TENNIS TALK

By U.B. Acharya

Coronation of King Novak

Recently a tennis fan remarked "French Open without Nadal is like French Bakery without croissants." Yet this grand slam event was held with all fanfare with 112 top ranking players plus eight wild card players and eight qualifiers who entered the main draw after winning three rounds of matches.

The top three seeds were Carlos Alcaraz Garfia, Daniil Medvedev and Novak Djokovic. The remaining important seeds were Casper Ruud, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Yannik Jenner, Andrey Rublev and Holger Rune.

As per the luck of the draw, third seed Djokovic had to meet the top seed Alcaraz in the semi-finals. Both reached quarter-finals without dropping a set but in the quarter-finals Djokovic dropped a set against Karen Khachanov while Alcaraz steam rolled Tsitsipas in straight sets.

The semi-final between the 20-year-old top seed and 36-year-old third seed was touted as the match of the tournament and Alcaraz was the book makers choice. While the first two sets were keenly contested and shared between the two, at the beginning of third set, top seed developed cramps and Djokovic ran through the next two sets.

In the bottom half, Medvedev lost in the first round making this half wide open. Eventually Ruud (a two-time Major runners-up) reached the finals. The final was well contested but the experience and mental strength of Djokovic was too much for Ruud to handle and he lost in straight sets. Thus, the Musketeers trophy was handed over to Novak Djokovic for the third time, this time by the last French man to win this trophy Yannick Noah.

With 23 Major titles under his belt, even his worst critics would have to crown Novak as the Greatest tennis player of all times. At the post-match press conference when a reporter asked whether he considers himself as the GOAT, Djokovic replied "Thank you; it would be an insult to past great champions. Each era is different with different playing conditions. I am grateful that I am in that mix."

It should be noted that while the title of GOAT is a subjective one depending on who bestows this title, one's record is there all to see. When an athlete who held multiple world records was asked whether his record would ever be beaten, he replied: "Most certainly. But who ever beats my record will be a dead tired man!" Novak Djokovic could possibly say the same thing.

For the record, let me list his main achievements:

1. He has won 23 Major (frequently referred to as Grand Slam) titles, more than any other male player. Also, he has won each of the four Majors at least three times.
2. He has won the prestigious year-ending ATP finals title six times which is same as another player. Since that player has retired, Djokovic has an opportunity to overtake this record.
3. He has more Masters 1000 titles than any other player.
4. Many experts believe that sum total of the above three titles should be the main criteria for deciding who should be the GOAT. If that be the case, Djokovic has 67 while the next best player has 58.
5. He has higher win-loss percentage than any other player.
6. He has won all the four Majors, the year-ending ATP Finals and all nine Masters 1000 titles twice and no other player has achieved this.
7. While Roger Federer won 15 Major titles in the first decade of this century, Djokovic matched this number in the second decade. His achievement is more significant because he had to battle against two other great players.
8. In January 2011, while Federer had won 16 Major titles and Rafael Nadal nine, Djokovic had just won one. In the next 12 years he won an incredible 22 Major titles.
9. While he does not have a Calendar Grand Slam (all four Major titles in the same year), he has an Individual Grand Slam (all four Major titles won continuously not in the same calendar year).
10. He has a better head-to-head record against both his nearest rivals.
11. Finally, he is playing with the same intensity at 36 years of age as in mid-twenties. This is mainly because of his very strict Vegan diet, his self-belief and deep breathing exercise plus meditation which in India is termed as Yoga.

TRAACS International Carnival - Yoga Sports Competition 2023

Medal winners in Artistic Yoga

Seen are (from left) ***Swarith, Harshitha, Vedika Manya Shivam, Yoga Guru H.M. Ravanikar, Rajath Giri, Poornamrutha and Bharathi.***

Mysuru, June 26- The following students of SGS International Yoga Foundation and Research Centre, Mysuru, have bagged gold (1st place) and silver (2nd place) medals in Artistic Yoga (Solo) at the TRAACS International Carnival Yoga Sports Competition 2023 held in Cambodia on May 27:

Rajath Giri - 1st place in 12-15 years (male) category; **Vedika Manya Shivam** - 1st place in Below 12 years (female) category; **Bharathi** - 1st place in Above 18 years (female) category; **Swarith** - 2nd place in 12-15 years (male) category; **Harshitha** - 2nd place in Below 12 years (female) category and **Poornamrutha** - 2nd place in 12-15 years (female) category.

All are trained under **Yoga Guru H.M. Ravanikar** of SGS Yoga Foundation and Research Centre, Mysuru.

Alcaraz returns to World No. 1

Wins Queen's Club Title

London, June 26- Carlos Alcaraz will return to World No. 1 after beating Alex de Minaur 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday to win his first title on grass at Queen's Club.

The Spaniard's fifth title of the season moves him back ahead of 23-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic at the top of the rankings.

The 20-year-old has failed to get past the fourth round in two previous attempts at Wimbledon, but his impressive showing suggests he will be the biggest threat to Djokovic securing an eighth title at the All England Club next month.

WORD OF THE DAY

Vox populi

Pronunciation: VOKS-POP-yoo-lye.
Meaning: Vox populi is a Latin phrase that translates to "the voice of the people" and means, in essence, "popular sentiment or opinion."
Origin: In a letter to his wife in June of 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, General William Tecumseh Sherman wrote about General Ulysses S. Grant's ongoing but successful siege at Vicksburg: "Grant is now deservedly the hero. ... He is now belabored with praise by those who a month ago accused him of all the sins in the calendar, and who next week will turn against him if so blows the popular breeze. Vox populi, vox humbug." Sherman was tweaking the maxim vox populi, vox Dei, a Latin phrase that translates as "The voice of the people [is] the voice of God" and that is used by many people (excepting Sherman, clearly) to mean "the people are always right." This phrase is often shortened to vox populi when a writer or speaker wishes to invoke what they believe to be the popular opinion of the day, whether real or perceived, rock solid or blowing on the breeze.
Example: "Look, there's plenty of reason to be demoralized. Goodness is not a constant, and the good fight is not always fought, but there is a strength and a resiliency and an eventuality to vox populi. There are events that shake up those Americans who still believe there is a right way to do things." — Tom Hanks, quoted in The New York Times, 13 June 2022.

THE ODD WORD

Vanitarianism

Pursuit of vain things.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Vanish into thin air

Meaning: Disappear without trace.
Origin: Shakespeare came close to this phrase in Othello, 1604:
Clown: Then put up your pipes in your bag, for I'll away. Go; vanish into air; away! and closer still in The Tempest, 1610:
Prospero: These our actors, as I foretold you, were all spirits and are melted into air, into thin air.
It seems clear that Shakespeare coined the terms thin air (which has been widely used since the 17th century by a diverse collection of authors, including John Milton (1671), William Blake (1800) and Ed McBain (1977) and vanish into air, used by lesser-known author; James Hogg, in his work Mountain Bard, 1807. Shakespeare didn't put the two together to make vanish into thin air though. The first use one can find of that phrase, which is clearly an adaptation of Shakespeare's terms, is in The Edinburgh Advertiser, April 1822, in a piece about the imminent conflict between Russia and Turkey: The latest communications make these visions "vanish into thin air."

QUOTE BOX

Knowledge has to be improved, challenged, and increased constantly, or it vanishes. **—Peter Drucker**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Frog man.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Turkish cap
4 Laboratory, in short
7 Fjord city?
11 Debtor's letters
12 Green prefix?
13 Arab sailing boat
14 Convalescence
17 The days of old
18 Found fault with
20 Gray
22 ___ and dashes : symbols of the Morse Code?
23 Indonesia's earlier name
24 ___ with : abounds or is present in large number?
27 Make cuts in a movie
31 Assay, attempt or experiment with (3,3)
33 Bishop's headdress
34 Rumanian coin
35 Idiotic persons
37 Rouse to vigilance
39 Tactful
42 Assist or aid
43 Make fun of, taunt or mock
46 I cannot tell _ ___ : so said young Washington? (1,3)
47 1051 in Roman numerals
48 Went in front
49 Very happy
50 Place in a particular position or posture
51 Before, for the poet

DOWN
1 Evergreen tree
2 Equal opportunity employer abbr
3 Courgette
4 English court
5 Bitter to taste
6 Prohibition, restriction or stoppage
7 Greek epic
8 Outer foot-covering of leather, etc.?
9 Master of the manor
10 Be in debt
15 Feldspar for one, iron pyrites for another?
16 Wine (Fr.)
19 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
20 Mandela's org.
21 Appear
25 Tiny piece of matter?
26 Plaintiff
28 Halted
29 By mouth
30 Amends, makes better
32 Chiding sound
36 Show a happy face
37 Air Transport Indicator
38 Life Insurance Corporation, acronym?
39 Glade or glen
40 Romulus kin
41 Means of access
42 An ugly old woman
44 Gaelic sea god
45 Dutch commune

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	T	S	■	M	O	H	S	■	P	E	P
G	R	I	P	■	P	R	A	Y	■	A	S	I
R	A	T	I	■	H	O	R	N	P	I	P	E
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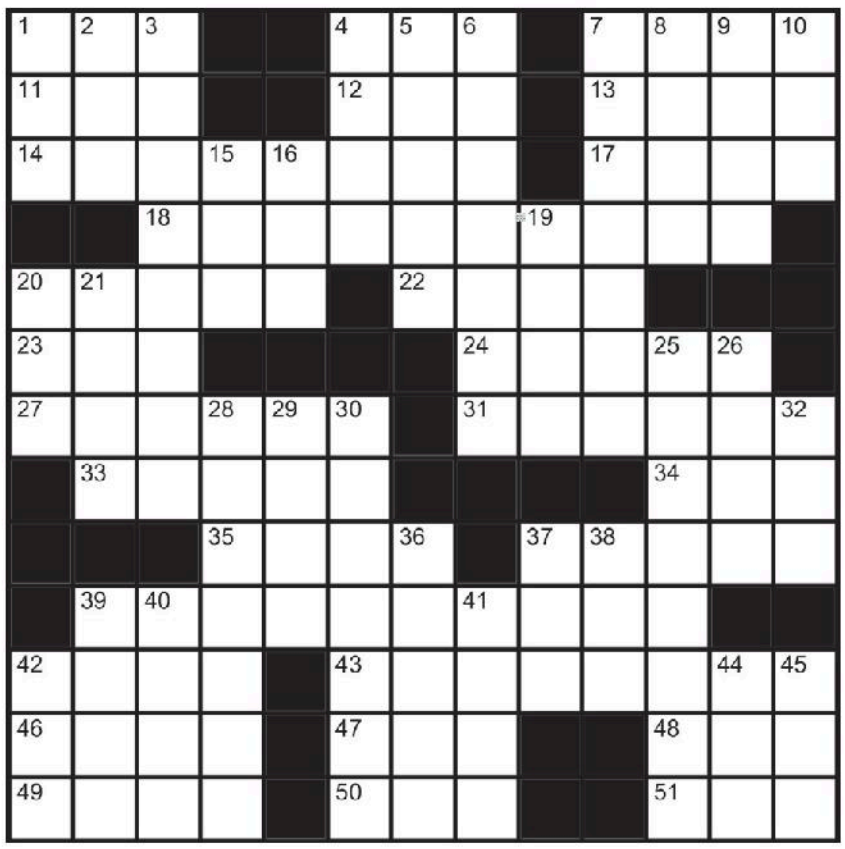

SUDOKU

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	6		7					2
		2		8				
	4	1		7				
		9				7		
				6		5	8	
				3		9		
1					8		7	
			4		5	8	6	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	7	4	8	2	9	1	3	6
2	6	1	7	5	3	4	8	9
8	3	9	6	1	4	5	7	2
4	2	7	1	9	6	3	5	8
1	9	8	3	7	5	6	2	4
6	5	3	2	4	8	9	1	7
3	8	2	9	6	1	7	4	5
7	4	6	5	3	2	8	9	1
9	1	5	4	8	7	2	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YMBUMFEE XE I RXLF CBMO. KQD LVIRUF XE XDE

HBDXSIDBM IRO LVIRUF VIE XDE FRFHXFE.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS I

Saturday's Cryptoquip: It's amazing how quickly nature consumes human places after we turn our backs on them. Life is a hungry thing.

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The Flash (E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Elemental (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 6.05 pm
No Hard Feelings (E)	(S-1)	8.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Aggrasena (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Adipurush (K-3D)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Modala Male (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Paayum Oli Nee Yenakku (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Thandatti (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
1920 - Horrors of the Heart (H)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	(S-4)	10.10 am, 7.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Dhoomam (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm

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Adipurush (K-3D)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.40 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	:	12.15 pm
1920: Horrors of the Heart (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.40 pm, 7.15 pm
Dhoomam (K)	:	11.30 am, 4.00 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	:	1.50 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.00 pm
Elemental (E-3D)	:	4.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	7.00 pm

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Dhoomam (Ma)	:	4.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Aggrasena (K)	:	11 am
Adipurush (K)	:	11.05 am, 9.30 pm
Adipurush (K-3D)	:	1.40 pm
Adipurush (Te)	:	2.45 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	:	11.30 am, 6.50 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	:	3.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Elemental (E-3D)	:	11.20 am, 5.20 pm, 7.40 pm, 10 pm
1920: Horrors of the Heart (H)	:	12 noon, 6.45 pm
Spider-man (E)	:	1.40 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.45 pm
The Flash (E)	:	3.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	:	6.35 pm
Thandatti (Ta)	:	7.25 pm

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Adipurush (Te-3D)	:	10.45 am, 10.30 pm
Adipurush (K-3D)	:	2.10 pm, 6.05 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	:	2.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Modala Male (K)	:	11.45 am
Elemental (E-3D)	:	11.50 am, 5.50 pm, 8.10 pm
Dhoomam (K)	:	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.50 pm
Thalainagaram 2 (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	6.30 pm
1920: Horrors of Heart (H)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 26)

- **Suyog Hospital and Suyog Group of Educational Institutions:** The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth inaugurates, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Professor Dr. Raveesh delivers lecture on drugs, Suyog Hospital Chairman Dr. S.P. Yoganna presides, Suyog Hospital Trustee Sudha Yoganna will be present, Suyog Hospital premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** Sri Mahavarahi Gupta (Ashada) Navaratri Mahotsava, Sri Dashavarahi Homa and Shatru Stambhanakarini Sri Bagalamukhi Homa, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Chandramoulishwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 81st Jayantyutsava and 19th Brahma Rathotsava, Bhajans, Sri Shankara Prarthana Mandira, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Sri Bhagavad Gita Abhiyana, discourse by Pt. Sri Srikanthacharya Mukhundi on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 10,' Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja:** Ashadamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Shobhakrutu Nama Samvatsara, Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja President Latha Sudarshan inaugurates, Sri Shantinatha Seva Samithi Trust President S.B. Suresh Jain chief guest, Sri Digambara Jain Samaja President S.D. Mahesh Prasad presides, **6.45 pm;** Discourse on 'Gatha: 575 to 600' by Dr. Abhijith Jain Shastry, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 27)

- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** Sri Mahavarahi Gupta (Ashada) Navaratri Mahotsava, Srichakrarchane, Navavarana Puja, **10 am;** Sagrahamukha Chandiyaga, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **1 pm.**
- **Postal Department, Mysuru Division:** Pension Adalat, Office of the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Yadavagiri Post Office, Akashvani Circle, **11 am.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Solo painting exhibition by artist M.L. Somavarada Mandya, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am to 6 pm.**
- **District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru:** Nadaprabhu Sri Kempegowda Jayanti-2023, procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **9.30 am;** Geeta Gayana by Raviraj and troupe, Mysuru, **10 am;** Stage programme, Sri Somanatha Swamiji graces the occasion, CM Siddharamaiah guest of honour, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh offers floral tributes to the portrait of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Kalamandira, **11.30 am.**
- **The Pavagada Souharda Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd.:** Inauguration of Mysuru Branch, MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates the programme, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates the branch, Society Founder-President B.H. Krishna Reddy presides, #45, CH-4/1, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, 3rd Main, opp. Srinivasa Temple, Jayanagar, **11.30 am;** Felicitation to retd. Addl. Registrar of Co-operative Societies C.N. Parashivamurthy, Nithyotsava Convention Hall, #1498/6, Ramaiah Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **12 noon.**
- **Book Launch:** Dr. G.C. Prakash, Regional Commissioner, Mysuru Division, Mysuru, releases the book 'Insignificant People' written by Dr. Suvendu Bhattacharya, Chief Scientist (retd.), CFTRI, Mysuru, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **5.15 pm.**
- **Mysuru Travels Association:** Annual General Body Meeting 2022-23, Rio Meridian, Bamboo Bazar, near High Circle, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja:** Ashadamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Shobhakrutu Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Gatha: 601 to 625' by Dr. Jwala Suresh, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Sri Bhagavad Gita Abhiyana, discourse by Pt. Sri Srikanthacharya Mukhundi on 'Bhagavad Gita – Chapter 10,' Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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No Hard Feelings (E)	(S-1)	12.15 pm; (S-3) 10.20 pm
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Adipurush (K)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	(S-1)	6.20 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am
Adipurush (Te-3D)	(S-4)	2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	2.55 pm

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Adipurush (K-3D)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.00 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	(S-2)	2.10 pm; (S-3) 10.10 pm
Elemental (E)	(S-1)	10.50 am
Elemental (E-3D)	(S-3)	1.40 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhoomam (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Road King (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Modala Male (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Aggrasena (K)	(S-4)	7.45 pm
1920 - Horrors of Heart (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 10.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	7.10 pm

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